

**Duvall Library Board**  
**Duvall Library Rose Room**  
**Monday, October 27, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Paige Denison.  
Present: Board Members Don Barden, Alan Butler, Paige Denison,  
Denny Redman and Karen Wallin  
Laura Boyes, KCLS / Duvall  
Dri Ralph, KCLS  
Carol Ladwig, David Mauk, River Current News (RCN)

Introductions of board members and guests.

**Old Business**

The Board reviewed the September minutes. One correction was requested on page 2, paragraph 1. The item should read as follows:

*Denny asked if the City, KCLS, or the developer were considering using geo-thermal heating. Lara Thomas (Planner, City of Duvall) said that KCLS is not interested in long-term "green-ness." The new Library is not going to be LEED Certified<sup>1</sup>.*

Revision: **M/S/P**.

**New Business**

In the interest of time, Dri Ralph, KCLS, was invited to discuss concerns about a green building, particularly geo-thermal heating.

Dri briefly reviewed the history of the 2004 bond passage. She was hired soon after and has a background as a City Environmental Planner for Bremerton. She emphasized that KCLS design principles include sustainable designs for all KCLS buildings and need to be incorporated where possible.

She cited the biggest project currently is Burien and that is designed to LEED standards, certified at least to Silver. The bigger libraries have the advantage of economies of scale and often include mixed use projects.

Smaller projects don't all have the same components. Each project is closely examined for whether or not KCLS can move toward green certification even though the system strongly believes it is desirable. Green certification adds from 4-11% to the construction cost. All of the system architects are grounded in sustainable building and would add these components wherever possible. Sammamish, as a bigger library with mixed use and shared parking will install radiant heat. All the environmental concerns such as wetlands trees, shared parking, uses of infrastructure, and storm water pervious pavement are seriously considered as they attempt to integrate these items with the nature of the library service.

Dri meets with all the architects and much time is given to the consideration of green items, heat gain, computer lighting, etc.

Currently, furniture is the least green item considered. These are difficult choices as a public use facility must have durability and longevity as choice factors. This most often leads to non-green choices. KCLS uses Milliken carpet which comes in 3 foot tiles and is high in recycled content.

Dri provided a printout from the KCLS website – *The Standard for KCLS libraries: Green.*

The Board expressed disappointment that Lara Thomas was not in attendance to talk directly to her comments of last meeting. It was mentioned that Kay Johnson, KCLS, stated at the Design Workshop that this would not be a green building. When asked if this was a decision that Kay was able to make arbitrarily, Dri reiterated that the building decisions to not certify generally comes from the architects as they consider the cost benefits. The architects are LEED credentialed. Dri is responsible for all of the interior decisions.

A Board member expressed the need for clear messages that are consistent and not mixed. It was mentioned that Board members continue to hear from patrons that they are concerned about building a green library. Dri re-stated that it would probably take a larger building – perhaps 20,000 square feet. The Board would like to go on record that it would welcome and support the building of a 20,000 square foot library in Duvall. Other comments included the statement that geo-thermal heating is the most critical ingredient for our building and that the library would break even in eight years or so at which time the heating costs would be dramatically reduced. Dri stated that it is not yet off the table.

In response to another question, Dri pointed out that any available tax credits would be sought. She mentioned that KCLS is currently being audited but is confident their financial status is in order.

Another question referred to whether or not KCLS would be amenable to utilizing local entities to provide information on local conditions and resources. Dri stated that most of the contractual tools are already in place but KCLS would be interested in receiving information that can be passed on to the architects.

Dri was thanked for her time, clear information and careful responses to the Board.

## **Return to Old Business**

South Duvall Village Update:

No report on the South Duvall Village was available from the Duvall Planning Department.

An e-mail from Kay Johnson indicated that the planning for the Big Rock Road development is moving forward. "They [developers and City planners] are focused on big picture decisions about the whole area. ...The specific site of the library is important to all concerned and is tied in with the decisions about the new connector road to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. We are standing by until there is more certainty about the library site location. I expect we will get directly involved when the specifics about the site are needed."

Paige reported on the current status of the project stating that no deal has been signed at this point and that the consideration of a park being placed at the back of the property has complicated matters. Movement is slow and all Board members expressed frustration. The City has had some tense discussions with Washington Holdings (WH). Paige talked directly with WH and the e-mail from Mike Brooks of WH reads as follows:

*"We have provided our "critical issues" listing to the City and have met twice this week to discuss our central park proposal with the council land use committee and to review street classifications with Lara and Boyd. We discussed possible development sequences including the library during the later meeting with the view to how we could imitate library site development in advance of constructing 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. No conclusions were reached, but there will likely be additional discussions next week when staff is expected to comment on our critical issues. Leslie Paterson at CamWest is taking a 6-week medical leave of absence and Bruce Knowlton will be substituting for her".*

Paige was contacted by local builder, Neal Coy who sent a site plan suggestion. Paige sent Coy the site selection information and noted that WH had gifted the property to the library. She also let Kay Johnson know of this exchange. Johnson replied that KCLS is not looking for alternatives to the Big Rock Road location with WH and CamWest.

A Board member asked about the funding and whether or not interest has been accruing in the bond account for Duvall. Dri explained that while she is not an accountant her understanding is that it doesn't quite work that way. KCLS has the right to bond 172 million with the allowance of three tranches<sup>2</sup>. The first tranche sold goes into an account where only a specific amount of interest on the bond is allowed. Consequently, the four million dollars slated for Duvall is not earning

interest in the traditional way. Bond limitations are very specific and can only grow a small amount.

For projects started after the expected timeframe, line items would be adjusted so that Duvall may in fact require more funds than originally slated. Most projects have run higher than projected. On the KCLS website, one can find, *Strategic Blue Print for Capital Projects*. Covington Library is an example of an increased budget but decreased square footage. Dri reports that every project is analyzed on the funds available and the design of the project. These are closely monitored by Linda Glenicki, KCLS Business & Finance.

Dri offered to join the Board on another occasion when representatives from the City can be present.

A Board member reminded the group that facility art is always better looking and more cost effective if integrated at the design phase. It would appear that the delay is more around who is going to build the roads and other infrastructure.

Dri pointed out that there has been a slow escalation of the cost of materials. But because of the slowing economy there have been more responses to bids which help with cost estimating. There is increasing world demand for supplies for which we are in steep competition. The Board added that commercial lending is drying up, but labor costs may diminish some depending on the world demand for materials.

Paige is receiving weekly updates from the City and KCLS. She is now getting information from WH including the proposed park.

#### Media Coverage:

Paige initiated a discussion on the need for media coverage on the progress of the Carnation Library versus the Duvall Library. Many questions and comments are received. Why is Carnation nearly complete and Duvall not even begun? While the Board understands why this situation exists, the public needs a clear picture of the differences. The Assistant School Superintendent suggests a flyer to speak to the issue. Would a Q&A interview format for the paper be useful? Discussion ensued with general agreement that some article format would be devised to address this concern. Would the answers need to be screened by the City, KCLS and WH? Would the City utility bill provide another venue? It can be simple and just come from the Library Board. Suggestions were made by the RCN representatives. Discussion followed.

#### **Duvall Library Updates:**

Laura Boyes passed out a flyer on Duvall story times. The Greenbridge library is slated for its grand opening in November. This is a co-development project in the White Center area.

Summer reading was a huge success this year with over 40,000 participants system-wide.

The newly renovated Woodinville Library will re-open to the public 11/8. Two library express locations, downtown Woodinville and Redmond Ridge, are still being considered. These sites will provide card entry, catalog, holds pick-ups and book drop. Wi-Fi will be available. These will be pilot projects and staffing will come from the cluster.

November is National Novel Writing Month with a goal of each participant writing a 50,000 word novel by the end of the month.

**Other:**

David Mauk discussed his vision for a “Duvall Reads” activity. He would like to see the involvement of other community groups, service clubs and the schools. He suggests the book, “Three Cups of Tea”, by Mortenson & Relin and hopes that there would be interest in developing cross-cultural connections in a peaceful way. Discussion followed on providing books, the KCLS reading program, book club and other items. David plans to speak with the Rotary and Rotary Foundation to propose such a project. The Civic Club and Friends of the Library might be interested. This was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board.

**DCC/Friends:**

Joe Lee Davidson was unable to attend due to family emergencies. Sue Juhre, current Chair of DCC/Friends sent Paige a report indicating that at the November meeting they will be discussing their future goals and structure. Paige asked that a Board member be in attendance, if possible. She will send the date/time/location of the meeting. This is an important discussion affecting library programs.

A Board of Trustees meeting is being held on 10/28. On the agenda is the Redmond Community Study.

**The next Duvall Library Board Meetings:**

**Monday, November 24 6:00 p.m.**

**Monday December 22 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen E Wallin

<sup>2</sup>In structured finance, a **tranche** is one of a number of related securities offered as part of the same transaction. The word **tranche** is French for slice, section, series, or portion.